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1. IN LIGHT OF JIDDA REFTEL REPORTING VIEW OF SENIOR SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY (SAMA) THAT LOGICAL CHANNEL FOR SUDANESE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT WOULD BE THE ARAB MONETARY FUND (AMF), IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI COULD REPORT ON ATTITUDES OF AMF OFFICIALS TOWARD SUDAN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR BANKING AND FINANCIAL OFFICIALS IN KHARTOUM AND EARLIER REPORTING FROM ABU DHABI, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT AMF IS VERY MUCH IN ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE AND WILL NOT BE TRULY OPERATIONAL FOR SOME MONTHS OR LONGER. IS THIS CORRECT?

2. AT THIS POINT, WE DOUBT THAT SUDAN HAS INFORMED OTHER ARAB STATES OF PRECISE STATUS OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IMF. THEREFORE, THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE MENTIONED WITH SOME CAUTION. PERHAPS QUESTIONS COULD BE ASKED IN CONDITIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUOTE IF IMF-SUDAN NEGOTIATIONS
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FOR REFORM PROGRAM ARE SUCCESSFUL, WHAT...? UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REPORTS SUCH AS JIDDA REFTEL BECAUSE EXTENT OF ARAB FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUDAN IS VERY IMPORTANT TO VARIOUS USG PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES IN ADDITION TO OUR PURELY ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SUDAN.
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